



Woodland Tennis Club

From the President



Welcome to our WTC Newsletter. Who would have thought that 8 years ago, with the closing of the Country Oaks Racquet Club that the “old” Woodland Tennis Club could be revived and brought to where we are today at our “City Park Tennis Complex.” As you will see in other parts of the Newsletter, lots of great activities continue to grow with tennis in Woodland.

We are very pleased to welcome Dave Dobson back on the board to fill the unexpired term of Sandra Farrell. He is the quiet warrior behind the scenes, and has been instrumental in keeping our Website up and running. He continues to always help in every way when something needs fixing.

The energy to the club has increased with our partnership with Phil Cello, of the Cello International Tennis Academy (CITA), his local professional, Michael Kwong, and his staff, and all the staff at Community Services Department including Director Christine Engel and her staff. Michael continues to build on all his lessons and clinics including

the very popular singles (adult and juniors) and mixed doubles tennis ladders. This past year we were fortunate to have some of the first ever sanctioned tennis tournaments at City Park. Please continue to participate in the many activities available and tell all your friends about the programs.

After an in-depth review of goals for the WTC, the highest priority remains having a tennis complex built at the Community and Senior Center. We continue to have discussions with the Community Services Department to insure the proposed complex remains in the Master Plan. Funding challenges remain so we welcome ideas and suggestions. If you or anyone you know would like their name on the Complex please let us know right away!

Please share this newsletter with your friends and invite them to join us and participate in all programs being offered.

WTC Board of Directors

- Art Williams - President
- Floyd McCain - Vice President
- Elaine McCain - Secretary
- Karen Shepard - Treasurer
- David Dobson
- Pat Garrison
- Kitty Schlosser



Frostbite Tournament

The **Frostbite Tournament** is back! After a number of meetings with representatives of the Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) the Woodland Tennis Club was able to negotiate a discount for the use of the tennis courts at Woodland High School. This will allow us to again sponsor this popular event which is open to members of the Woodland and Davis Tennis Clubs.

See the [WTC website](#) for information and how to enter. This year we are able to offer **online registration and payment**. The date of the tournament is January 10, 2015 with January 24 as a rain make-up date.

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Membership Renewal Time

The WTC membership year coincides with the calendar year so we solicit memberships each January. This year we are pleased to offer an **online membership form and payment**. The information is linked from the home page of the website or on the **About Us** page. If you prefer to send in your payment by mail, please use the form on the last page of this newsletter.

Membership Categories:

- \$35 Single membership
- \$50 Family membership
- \$25 Senior (60+) membership
- \$20 Junior/Student membership
- \$1,000 Lifetime membership

Renew your membership now

Newsletter contributors:

- Art Williams
- Elaine McCain
- Floyd McCain
- Karen Shepard
- Pat Garrison
- Michael Kwong

Edited by Kitty Schlosser

Social Activities Committee

Members of the Social Activities Committee:

- Elaine McCain (Chair)
- Floyd McCain
- Marjie McWilliams
- Marianne & Roger Cook
- Margo Roeckl
- Paula Stewart
- Scott Fong
- Cindy Suen

Members of the WTC continue to enjoy a number of tennis and social activities planned and organized by the Social Activities Committee. Annual activities include the Annual Meeting, weekly Thursday Night Tennis, Valentine Tennis Social, St. Patrick's Day Tennis, Summer Saturday Tennis, Halloween Tennis Social, and Turkey Tennis Social. Ongoing information about the WTC's social activities can be accessed on the "Events" page at our website: www.woodlandtennisclub.com.

If you would like to be a member of the Social Activities Committee contact Elaine McCain, Chair at f.mccain@sbcglobal.net.

Summer Saturday Tennis

We had three **Summer Saturday Tennis** events - in June, July and August. After tennis, members enjoyed a complimentary lunch provided by the WTC. At the last Summer Saturday Tennis we bar-b-cued hamburgers and hot dogs on the club's new bar-b-cue.



Turkey Tennis Social

Unfortunately, this event was cancelled due to rain.



Thursday Night Tennis

This is a year-long event that takes place every second and fourth Thursday nights. This event is suspended during the month of December. An e-mail notice is sent out each Sunday to all WTC members who are on the Thursday Night Tennis notification list, asking them to respond if they want to play that Thursday. After tennis a simple potluck is held with shared food and drink provided by the players. If you would like to be included in the semi-monthly invitation please

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Halloween Tennis Potluck

The Halloween Tennis Potluck Social event consisted of some good tennis followed by a potluck at the McCain's house. Quite a few people dressed in their Halloween costumes. Prizes for the best costumes were given to James Ousey and Marianne & Roger Cook.



Tennis Etiquette & Rules: Q&A

Players new to tennis and to interclub play will probably appreciate learning some of the nuances of rules and court courtesy. This newsletter plans to include a few tips in each issue which the club hopes will be helpful.

Q. I understand that you lose the point if a ball hits you while you are on the court before it bounces, but what is the ruling when the ball hits you off the court when you are backing up? I was told by my opponents that it was their point even though the ball was clearly out.

A. Your opponents are correct. If the ball hits you, your racquet or any part of your clothing before it lands – even if it WOULD HAVE gone out – then it is your opponent's point.

Q. Upon returning a short shot, on the follow through, is the racquet allowed to make contact with net?

A. If your racquet, or any part of your body (including hair, clothes, shoes, etc.), touches the net during a point, then you automatically lose the point. If you are playing without an umpire, it is your responsibility to call this infraction on yourself. In fact, even with an umpire, you should be on your honor to admit if you've touched the net, as this is an easy call to miss for an umpire.

If a wind blown shot, or a ball with a lot of back spin, bounces on your side of the net and then back over toward your opponent's half of the court, you may reach over to play the shot but must avoid touching the net. This situation happens pretty rarely and always seems to cause confusion when it does occur. The aforementioned is the only situation where you are permitted to reach across the plain of the net to play a shot. Again, without an umpire, you are on your honor to make this call against yourself.

Q. I am wondering if someone unintentionally double hits a ball, does that person lose the point? I am talking about a double hit when there is just one continuous motion and 2 hits on the racquet.

A. This rule was changed about twenty years ago. It used to be that no "double-hits" were allowed, and the interpretation was always controversial. Now, as long as it occurs in one continuous motion, "double-hits" are allowed. This does not happen frequently.

Source of reference:

The USTA website, www.usta.com/Improve-Your-Game/Rules/Rules-and-Line-Calls/Misc_Rules/

If you have a tennis etiquette or rule question you would like us to research please send it to:

Karen Shepard at karenshepard@pacbell.net or Kitty Schlosser at kittyschlosser@gmail.com

Fall Interclub Tennis

Men's 3.5 Singles/Doubles Team

We had a great season and finished in third place. We had several very close matches; our record for the season was 4 wins and 2 losses. We lost our playoff match 4-5 to Southgate who finished in 1st place. The following members participated:

Pat Garrison - Captain
 Creed Watts –Co-Captain
 Kyle Bates
 Casey Calhoun
 Joseph Clark
 Justin Leishman
 Lars Miller
 James Ousey
 Derek Shepard – Undefeated in Doubles



Contributed by Pat Garrison

Mixed 7.0 Doubles Team

Only three teams including Woodland entered this Division. The other teams were Gold River and Folsom Park. Our team played each of these teams four times for a total of eight matches. Although our record was 3-5 players on the team had a good time.

Floyd McCain was Captain of this team. Members of the team were as follows:

Vollie Anastasi
 Marianne and Roger Cook
 Jeff Harris
 Mimi McMahan
 Mike Mott
 Leone and Bob Murdock
 Paul Navazio
 Eddi and Dexter Quiggle
 Margo Roeckl
 Miho Ryu
 Kitty Schlosser
 Scott Sheaman
 Lee Shebloski
 David Wade
 Lynda Welter



Contributed by Floyd McCain

Women's 60+ 7.0 Doubles Team

Even though SATA did not have enough teams that entered this division, the women who previously played on this team formed a team and played amongst themselves. The matches were played on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Several times during the season the ladies on the team went to Steve's Pizza for lunch after tennis.

Elaine McCain was Captain of the team. Members who played on the team were as follows:

Kathy Payne
 Kitty Schlosser
 Karen Shepard
 Leone Murdock
 Marianne Cook
 Marjie McWilliams – won the most sets during the season.
 Mimi Lyon
 Mimi McMahan
 Vivian Walker

Thanks to all the people who filled in as substitutes even though not on the team, WTC members and non-members.

Contributed by Elaine McCain



NTRP Tournaments

Volunteers from the Woodland Tennis Club assisted the Cello International Tennis Academy run three tournaments during the summer and fall. The WTC received a donation of \$450 from Phil Cello for our help in running these tournaments.

Below is a current list of approved adult tournaments for CITA Woodland in 2015:

Spring NTRP *May 9-10*
Open - Family *July 11-12*
Fall NTRP *Sept 5-6*
Fall Senior Open *Oct 17-18, 24-25*



Amazon Smile Program

If you are a WTC member who also has an Amazon Prime account, 0.5% of each of your Prime purchases can be donated to the club. When first visiting AmazonSmile (<http://smile.amazon.com>), you are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. We hope you will select the Woodland Tennis Club. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, you must first select a charitable organization.

It may be that 0.5% of your purchase seems like small potatoes, but if all members who have an Amazon Prime accounts used Amazon Smile—especially during their holiday online shopping—the rewards would be significant. And the best part is that the club really doesn't have to do anything to reap the rewards. Let the shopping begin!

Contributed by Karen Shepard

Michael Kwong Update



I am happy to say the CITA Woodland Tennis Program is increasing the number of children in the program. After a year of training, our kids are now playing regular matches, can topspin their ground strokes and spin their serves. I am confident all our advanced group children will make their High School

Tennis Teams and should have the goal of playing college tennis. We have recently hired Megan Heneghan as a coach for our advanced academy and the kids are responding very positively to her. For those of you who don't know, she was the No 1 female player at UCD for the last 3 years and had a full ride scholarship. This is the level of tennis our Woodland kids should be aiming for and it is very achievable.

The Woodland tennis ladders remain popular and are free to join. If you have not already joined, please let the WTC or myself know and we can put you on. We have a men's singles ladder (61 players), women's singles ladder (26 players), junior singles ladder (26 players) and mixed doubles ladder (16 pairs). Manny Souza deserves a special mention here, he has played an impressive 21 singles matches and 4 mixed doubles matches with his partner

Kitty Schlosser! If you are looking for friendly match play or more tennis friends, the ladder is a great way to facilitate this.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the WTC for being very supportive of our Woodland Tennis Program. The board and members have been very helpful and it is much appreciated. Floyd and Elaine kindly housed me when I first got here to Woodland and numerous members helped clean, paint and furnish the pro-shop which can now be used as a functioning office. Also thank you to the Woodland tennis community for understanding and allowing the tennis program to use the City Park tennis courts. Many of you have kindly moved to the Woodside Park or Beamer Park tennis courts, often in the middle of a match, when the City Park courts were full. The Woodland kids and I appreciate it very much.

Contributed by Michael Kwong



USTA Tournament Play 2014 with Art and Georgina Williams

Art and Georgina Williams completed the 2014 USTA tennis tournament year ranked #2 in 3.0 Mixed Doubles. They completed the year # 2 in Grand Prix points and ranked 2 for end of year overall ranking. They were finalists in recent Grand Prix play at the Gold River Racquet Club, losing to the #1 team of Tanya Lo and Phillip Chuang of Moraga. Art and Georgina played 8 tournaments and ended with a 7-5 record winning 2 tournaments, and finalists in 5 with one incomplete because of rain. A total of 33 teams participated during the year.

Additionally, during the year Art and Georgina were recognized as 2 of 4 players in Northern California reaching the 500 milestone for total matches played. Since the on-line program started in 1998 they have played 319 tournaments and 524 tournament matches.



Tournament Awardees

(L to R: Joelle Miller, Rob Shafer, Art Williams, Georgina Williams, Joe Tremba, USTA NorCal President Michael Cooke)

Much like the league player recognition program started in 2013, USTA Northern California wants to congratulate and thank all tournament players for their participation, dedication, and the many hours spent with us at tournaments on the court.

Players reaching the 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100 tournament matches played are recognized and awarded our Player Recognition Award Bag Tag for sustained participation in our Adult Tournament Program!

Players reaching the 200, 300, 400, 500, 600 tournaments played are recognized and awarded our Player Recognition Award Jacket for sustained participation in our USTA Sanctioned Tournaments.

On February 8, 2014, players who had played over 200 and 300 tournaments as of December 31, 2014 were honored at the USTA NorCal Senior, Open, Family Awards Banquet. Robert Gex, Darryl Hein, Matt Ray, Joe Tremba, Dave Young, and Todd Waibel became the first members of the 200 Tournament Club and were awarded with a navy 200 Tournament Club jacket. Joelle Miller, Rob Shafer, Art Williams, and Georgina Williams became the first members of the 300 tournament club and awarded with a red 300 Tournament Club Jacket.

The Player Recognition Award Bag Tags for tournament matches played will be sent out in July to players who have reached one of the milestone numbers for matches played. All milestone numbers are based off of the USTA NorCal records online. Players can find the number of tournament matches and the number of tournaments they have played by looking at the upper right corner of their player page at their own "Trophy Shelf".



Those who have played over 400 matches
(list created May 16, 2014):

Name	City	# of Matches
Joelle Miller	Hayward	929
Art Williams	Woodland	518
Georgina Williams	Woodland	511
Matt Ray	Daly City	510
Shibu Lal	Novato	492
Anne Thurston	Vacaville	475
Joe Tremba	San Jose	466
Rick Kepler	Aptos	452
Rob Shafer	Berkeley	426
Roger Kahn	Oakland	425
Robert Gex	Oakland	421
Todd Waibel	Saratoga	412
Garbo Berger	Martinez	406
Everett Riggle	Chico	403

Those who have played over 200 tournaments
(list created May 16, 2014):

Name	City	# of Tournaments
Joelle Miller	Hayward	334
Rob Shafer	Berkeley	328
Art Williams	Woodland	315
Georgina Williams	Woodland	312
Joe Tremba	San Jose	292
Robert Gex	Oakland	270
Dave Young	San Jose	241
Matt Ray	Daly City	228
Todd Waibel	Saratoga	214
Darryl Hein	Los Gatos	211

2015 Membership Application

Type of Membership (circle one): New Renewal

<p>Check appropriate Membership category (new members joining after July 1st pay half price):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Single \$35</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family \$50</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Senior (60+) \$25</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Junior/Student \$20</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership \$1,000 (includes special recognition)</p>	<p>Please make check payable to: Woodland Tennis Club</p> <p>Mail to: Woodland Tennis Club P.O. Box 2283 Woodland, CA 95776-2283</p>
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Name: _____ Level of Play _____
(Beginner, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0)

Address: _____ Home phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Mobile phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____
(Most club correspondence will be done by email.)

For Family membership, please list family members: _____ Level of play

Name _____	Adult	Junior	Senior	_____
Name _____	Adult	Junior	Senior	_____
Name _____	Adult	Junior	Senior	_____

We share our member contact information **ONLY** with other club members so they can contact each other to arrange matches. Your contact information will be included in our Club Directory unless you opt-out.

Opt-out of directory:

The Woodland Tennis Club is made up entirely of volunteers. Please indicate any areas of the club that you would like to provide assistance:

- Membership committee
- Newsletter
- Fundraisers
- Interclub team organization
- Tournaments
- Website
- Social activities
- Junior tennis activities
- Other ideas: _____

Woodland Tennis Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging and expanding participation in tennis for all ages and abilities throughout the community.

Thank you for supporting tennis in Woodland!!!